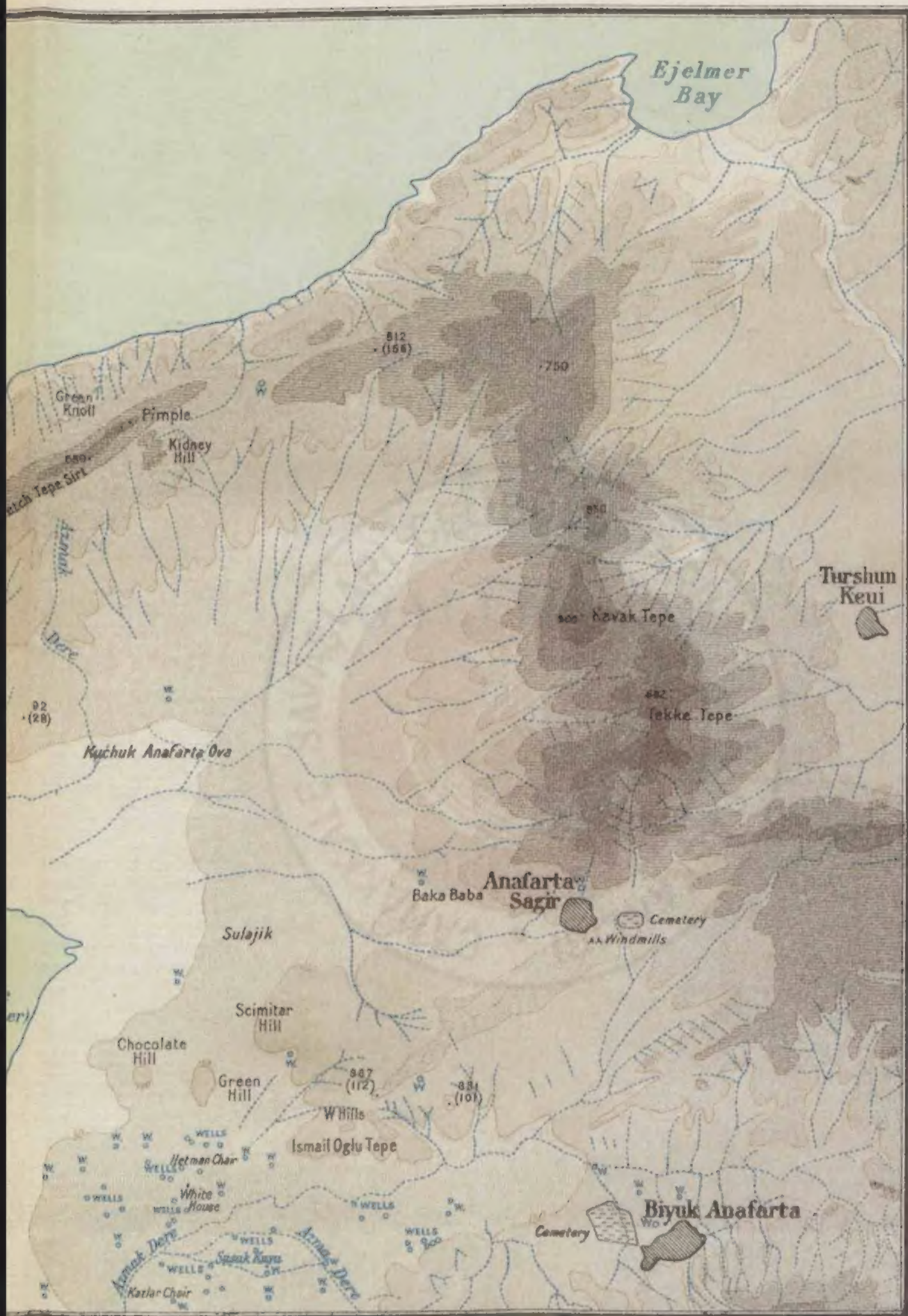


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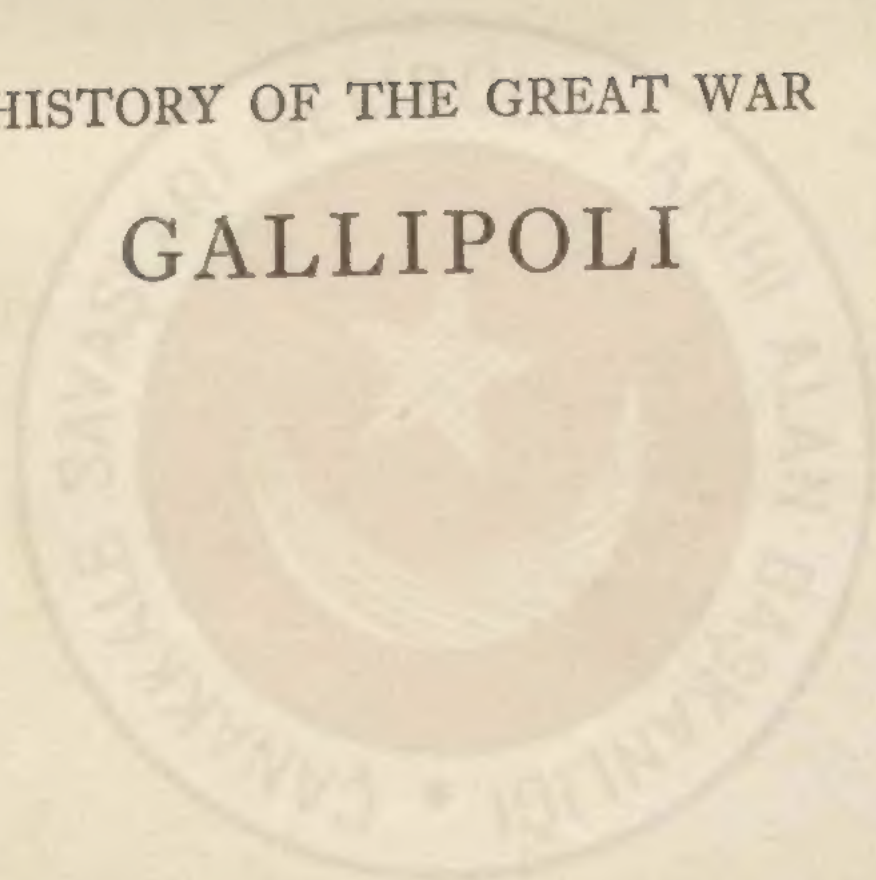
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AYE, all's well, well ended. Yet, of what occurred in the long years, one might well say that part fell out happily, and part in turn amiss. . . . For were I to recount our hardships and our wretched quarters, the scanty space and the sorry berths—what did we not have to complain of? . . . Then again, ashore, there was still worse to loathe; for we had to lay us down close to the foeman's walls, and the drizzling from the sky and the dews from the meadows distilled upon us, working constant destruction to our clothes and filling our hair with vermin. And if one were to tell of the wintry cold, past all enduring, when Ida's snow slew the birds; or of the heat, what time upon his waveless noonday couch, windless the sea sank to sleep—but what need to bewail all this? Our labour's past. . . . What need for the living to count the number of the slain, what need to repine at fortune's frowns? I hold it fitting that our misfortunes bid us a long farewell. For us, the remnant of the Argive host, the gain hath the advantage and the loss does not bear down the scale.

AESCHYLUS : *Agamemnon*  
(Prof. H. W. Smyth's translation)

## PREFACE

THE first volume of this history dealt with the political events which led to the initiation of the Dardanelles campaign, the naval attacks in February and March, the landings of the Expeditionary Force in April and the fighting at Helles and Anzac during the first fortnight ashore. The present volume completes the story of the campaign, up to and including the final evacuation.

In the compilation of this volume I have again had the invaluable assistance of Captain W. Miles, who has examined and tabulated with painstaking care the information available in the official war-diaries and the numberless messages and orders preserved in the Historical Section of the Committee of Imperial Defence. Captain Miles has also prepared this volume for the press. From all other members of the Historical Section I have received unstinted help and particularly from Mr. E. A. Dixon and Mr. F. C. Ballentyne. My thanks are also due to Mr. Walter B. Wood for his scholarly advice when reading the chapters in typescript.

Major A. F. Becke has been indefatigable in the preparation of the maps and sketches which adorn the pages of the history. He has shown that a military sketch, displaying the movements of troops, can also be a work of art, and his maps and sketches of the Anzac area depict more clearly than the written word the extraordinary difficulties of the country that faced the Anzac corps. These maps and sketches have been drawn for reproduction by Mr. H. Burge. To Br.-General A. T. Beckwith, Captain T. Verschoyle and Mr. A. Riley I am indebted for many of the photographs which illustrate the text.

In a letter to the press I asked for the loan of private correspondence and diaries relating to the Suvla landing. Many of

the documents received in answer to this appeal were of great value and I take this opportunity of thanking all who so kindly placed their papers at my disposal.

With the help of the British military attaché in Berlin I was fortunate enough to get into touch with Colonel Willmer, late of the Bavarian Army, who commanded the Turkish troops at Suvla, and to study the orders and messages received and issued by that officer at the time of the British landing at Suvla Bay. The friendly hospitality shown me by Colonel Willmer in his quiet home beside a Bavarian lake, where, over the maps on his library table, he modestly explained his own achievement during the fateful hours of the 6th-8th August 1915, will long be gratefully remembered. My thanks are also due to the German Reichsarchiv at Potsdam, and especially to Dr. A. Muhlmann, who served on the staff of Marshal Liman von Sanders in Gallipoli, for copies of many messages and reports written by our opponents in the course of the operations.

Every effort has been made to ensure the complete accuracy of this history, but if any errors are noticed, it is asked that they may be brought to the attention of the Secretary, Historical Section, Committee of Imperial Defence, 2 Whitehall Gardens, S.W.1, with a view to their correction in a subsequent edition.

C. F. A.-O.

1st October 1931.

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